

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 6

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

The sky is grey, the nights seem to be getting longer, the Highlanders are playing (and winning) so it must be Autumn.

One of the best parts of my job is talking to parents who are coming to look at our school as a prospective school for their child. The questions that I am asked are almost always about how we can cater for their child overall or their holistic needs. They ask about our school Catholic Special Character and Christian values—especially the Whanau system. They ask about the opportunities we offer in the arts, sports and outdoor education and they check how well resourced we are in all areas but especially in technology. Parents ask about all aspects of our school's curriculum but ultimately what we as parents want is for our children to be happy and content citizens, for some people like Bear Grylls a constant extreme challenge is needed but most of us rather enjoy a mix of achievable challenges and time when we can relax.

We are all different with different needs and aspirations. At St Mary's we keep the individual needs of our pupils foremost in our minds when we develop our school curriculum.

Next week we will welcome into our school Suzanne Lewis and Christina Gold from the Education Review Office.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan.**

Junior Swimming Lessons with Swimsation



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

March

Tuesday 6th	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 8th	BOT Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 22nd	Catholic Schools Fun Sports Day
Friday 23rd	Assembly Room 6, 2.20pm
Monday 26th	Otago Anniversary Day—school closed
Tuesday 27th	Room 7 Rafting Trip
April 5th	Easter Assembly—End of Term 1
Monday 23rd	Beginning of Term 2

A thought for the week...

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity,
an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.
Lord Winston Churchill

Altar Servers Sunday 11th March

Josh & Emma Hyde, Lorie Parker.

Prayer for Third Sunday of Lent

Lord Jesus, you call us to a deep change of heart. During Lent we focus on your invitation to turn away from superficial values and self-destructive behaviours. You call us to accept abundant life and a joy that only you can give. Help us to open our hearts to the presence of your Spirit.
We pray in your holy name. Amen.

NZ Book Month 1st—31st March

Books change lives, \$5 off any book priced \$10 or more.

Vouchers will go home this week!



Read to kids every day!

-it's free, it's fun, it's fundamental.

Research proves the more you Read Aloud the better children become at reading.

3 R's of reading aloud

R for Relationships

Time reading books together builds a strong bond of shared stories and memories.

R for Role Model

Reading to kids regularly shows them reading is important, fun and worth trying.

R for Rewarding

Kids who are read to are better talkers, better listeners, imaginative and informed, understand how books work and use book language.

PTA News

AGM—The AGM went well, thank you to the teachers who attended, it is always lovely to know we have your support. David Young was our guest speaker and as usual he spoke from the heart and was able to give sound advice and answer questions regarding technology in the school and home. Our PTA is very healthy, we have two new members Tracey Cumming, and Marie Kelly. We said a fond farewell to the outgoing President Karen Elliott and thanked her for her leadership over the past two years. Michelle McArthur stepped down as Treasurer, she has done a wonderful job of this. We have a new Secretary, Cath Bowden and Treasurer, Simone Reynolds. Thank you to both these ladies for taking on these responsibilities.

The next meeting is tonight at 7.30pm in the Staffroom, all welcome. Please keep up to date with PTA news on our noticeboard which is in the foyer.

Friends of the School PTA

We are putting together a list of helpful parents who are unable to join the PTA but would like to help out at some of our fundraising events without having to come to the meetings!

If you would like to join this list please email Pauline at the school office, thank you.

Entertainment Books

It is Entertainment book time of year again!

This year the book is bigger and better with many more local attractions included.

The price of the book has increased to \$55 but the school keeps \$11 per book. Please let your family and friends know we are selling these books as the more we sell the more money we raise for our school.

Entertainments books will be sent home in the last week of this term.

Please remember that last year's book is still valid!

If you wish to pre-order and pay I can give you a sweetener of a free page of vouchers!

Pre-order can be made at the school office.

Jacqui Dodson is organising the E books this year.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ushering – Forsyth Barr Stadium

There is an opportunity for St Marys to raise money by ushering at the Stadium. We would be requested by cellphone periodically to cover some events held at the Forsyth Barr Stadium. Armourguard then makes a donation to the school PTA based on how many people have worked and the hours involved. We would need to provide names of at least 10 or more people to Armourguard who organise this on behalf of the Stadium. There is a short training session for those who have not done this before which is also arranged by Armourguard.

People who are interested to donate their time can leave their names and cellphone number with Pauline at the school office. Thanks, Alison O'Neill, PTA member

Taieri Junior Rugby Club

Registration 2012

Thursday 8th March 6.30-7.30pm

Sunday 14th March 10am-12pm

Thursday 15th March 6.30-7.30pm

At Peter Johnstone Park Clubrooms, **Subs:**

Midgets \$15

One child \$45

Two children per family \$75

Three children per family \$85

Socks & shorts available for purchase.

Enquiries to Peter Dyer 489-3229



Mosgiel Junior Soccer Club - Registrations 2012

New Registration Process – Online at www.mjfc.sportingpulse.net

then select junior registration form. 7th Grade to Youth Grade are required to register online **before the 6th March** to guarantee a place in a team.

Midget players and anyone without a computer can register on **Monday 6th March** 6pm – 8pm at Memorial Park Clubrooms. Eftpos available.

Subs: 1 child : \$75

2 children: \$120 (= \$75 + \$45)

3 children: \$140 (= \$75 + \$45 + 20)

Midgets \$35 (Midgets: free ball), Socks \$7

Any questions contact: Craig Whitson 4895644, or Michael Mackenzie 4891622



Plains Junior Tryathlon



Congratulations to Laura Bungard, Anahera Reynolds and Michaela Sutherland on winning the 8-10 years Team event.



Well done to Sam Hyde, Ella-Rose Crooks and Emma Hyde on competing in the Individual event.

Fitness for Term 1 is Skipping



Tissues

It would be great to replenish our stock of tissues as we have had an early round of runny noses! Please send along a box of tissues to your child's class teacher to use in their classroom.

Touch—Term 1 2012

The fees for Touch this term are \$15 per player.

Please send the money in a named envelope to the school office. Thanks.



Beginning of Year Fees Reminder these are now due!

The bottom section of the stationery list have the costs to be **paid to the school office**, ie some senior classes have Maths Mates, junior children have swimming etc, these costs are all listed.

If you have lost this list just email the school and I can let you know what your children owe.

